

QUA-RAE



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The Prez Sez...

Wow, what a month. The 1998 Hamfest is now behind us, and it looks like it has been another success for the RAE. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into this 6 hour event, beginning right after you close the doors of the Franklin Firehall on last year's hamfest. This year there were some key players who made the hamfest happen, and the whole club owes a big thanks to everyone who volunteered to help in any way. In particular, N3NTJ and N3HPR were the key drivers of the success overall, but also N3LKW and KB3B and their kitchen crew, where nearly half the hamfest profits are provided. While these are critical elements of the success, we couldn't have a hamfest without parking (thanks N3EOY), ticket sales (thanks N3SRD), tailgaters (thanks N3TQT), inside ticket sales (thanks N3BZL), vendor setup (thanks Dennis), talk-in (thanks KB2OUA and KB3ALU), and all the help from everyone who chipped in -- both hams and non-hams alike. Thank you to everyone who volunteered part of their day, and an EXTRA special thanks to the folks that got up on Sunday to volunteer AGAIN for the marathon! Like I said, WOW!

If you want to see a live demonstration of APRS and GPS, don't miss the Octo-

ber meeting of the RAE. APRS is the cutting-edge of Amateur Radio with mobile station tracking, weather data, direction-finding, search & rescue, and, well, entertainment too. APRS is growing in popularity, and as more people become involved, more practical uses of APRS are identified. Whether tracking dog sleds in the Iditarod, following weather balloon launches, or tracking a regatta across the lake, APRS is finding its niche in amateur radio. For all the non-hams who associate "ham-radio" with only straight-keys and "morse code", APRS is a real eye-opener. So stop by on October 1 and enjoy the show!

PA QSO Party In October

Well another summer is gone, or at least, almost gone. Now what? I guess we can start that inside painting. Or we could start that remodeling project we've been putting off. Or we could finish the re-wiring project or the plumbing project, or...WAIT! Wow, it's October already?! Put everything else on hold. I've got antennas to make and put up! I've got to go clean up and re-arrange the shack! It's time for the PA QSO PARTY! Mark your calendars for October 10th and 11th. 1600Z 10/10 to 0500Z 10/11 and 1300Z 10/11 to 2200Z 10/11.

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